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## River plunges town into emergency

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# Fire departments step up to assist residents in flood

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

After they heard the Gull River would be rising substantially in a 24-hour span, volunteers and Minden residents began preparing in earnest last weekend.

Sunday, April 21 started with firefighters from Minden Hills, Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands filling sandbags and assisting residents who wanted to leave their homes.

"So many volunteers have come out," said one Minden Hills firefighter who asked to be identified just as Jennifer S.

Ron Both, who lives outside Minden, heard word-of-mouth that people were coming together to fill thousands of bags with sand at the town yard off Fleming Road in Minden.

He came to join them around 4:30 in the afternoon and stayed until the sun set.

"Some people have been here since 10 or earlier," Both said, deflecting praise as he shoveled sand among a few dozen people Sunday evening.

Gina Deighton and Brady Baldry, 10, sought out the volunteer opportunity.

Deighton lives on the outskirts of Minden and came into town looking for a way to contribute.

"Our house is nice and safe at the

moment," she said, so she wanted to help those whose homes were flooded or in danger of flooding.

Just as the sun was setting Sunday night, Anson Street resident Jaimie Kimble pushed through knee-deep water, travel bag on her back in a brand-new pair of hip waders from Canadian Tire.

She decided to leave her home after days of flooding that left her basement swamped and the water level continued to rise.

Her mother decided to stay in the house Sunday, Kimble said, because they have several family pets.

"[Firefighters] came by in a boat to help us get out and to drop off sandbags," Kimble said, but she chose to carry her possessions out on foot.

Since Kimble left her home, many more streets have been flooded and many more Mindenites have chosen to seek higher ground. It's not clear when the water levels will drop and what damage will remain when residents return home.

**Jenn Watt** Staff

Minden Hills firefighters Matt Hogg and Barry Thompson fill sandbags in Minden on April 21. Some firefighters had worked all day filling the bags to help save property from the Gull River flooding.



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# Waters continue to rise in Minden

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Most Minden residents have never seen anything like it.

At press time, after four days of flooding, the waters of the Gull River continued to rise, portions of the village were underwater and homes on Anson, McKnight and Orde streets and Invergordon Avenue had been evacuated by their residents.

The state of emergency the township had declared on Saturday morning was continuing and the community had gone through 15,000 sandbags.

There was some sense of optimism, however.

"It appears Twelve Mile Lake has crested," Reeve Barb Reid told the paper following an emergency management meeting on the morning of April 23.

The Trent Severn Waterway has been using feeder lakes north of the village to hold water in order to mitigate further flooding of the river.

Horseshoe Lake was intentionally flooded, submerging a causeway, in order to prevent further deluge of Minden.

"There's no change in Minden," the reeve said, adding that while the situation seemed to be stabilizing a bit, the water level of the Gull continued to climb. "People still need to be on high alert."

Heavy rainfall combined with melting snow and ice and frozen ground created flood conditions throughout cottage country late last week.

States of emergency were declared in a number of other communities, including Bracebridge and Huntsville.

Reid made the call to declare a state of emergency in Minden Hills just after 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20.

"The recommendation to declare was made by our fire chief Doug Schell," Reid said. "The main reason for declaring is it does then qualify you for provincial assistance, so different resources come to bear. It also means that if we need to recruit community volunteers, they are insured."

Some of those resources were sandbags provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The community had gone through 15,000 of them as of Tuesday, and a second filling station was being set up at Our Lady of Fatima church, the first at the depot at Fleming Road.

On the evening of April 22, Grill on the Gull and Dominion Hotel proprietor Shawn Chamberlin was sandbagging his building,



Darren Lum Staff

A woman walks beside Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, as a truck passes through the water from the Gull River that has left much of the town underwater on Sunday, April 21.

something unprecedented in his decade of doing business on Minden's main drag.

"Never," he said simply when asked if he'd ever had to take such precautions.

Earlier that day, torrents of water were gushing over the top of the hydro dam at Minden Lake, just north of the village, turning its large, concrete wall into a waterfall.

Orillia Power Generation workers at the site told the *Times* that while flooded, the dam was structurally sound.

They had been instructed not to go into the generating building until the water dropped to safer level.

Along with other roadways, the bridge spanning the Gull on Bobcaygeon Road, the village's main thoroughfare, was barricaded.

The flooding had not resulted in an increase in calls for the county's EMS department.

"We've actually been a little quieter than usual," EMS director Pat Kennedy said. "We've actually got extra resources on the road."

Flooding was making trips for EMS personnel much longer, though.

"Calls that might take one hour are taking up to two, three," Kennedy said.

His department had put an extra ambulance on at night and moved its vehicles from their usual downtown locale to the de facto base of the OPP detachment on Highway 35.

"We've basically evacuated our building," Kennedy said.

EMS staff had been instructed to take additional equipment, including uniforms, home with them in case they were needed at a moment's notice.

"We're also acting as the co-ordinator for all the municipalities as far as roads updates, so that's working extremely well," Kennedy said. "With us being the hub, it's allowed us to make sure the dispatch centre knows exactly what's going on."

The county is continuing to provide updated flood information on its website at [www.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca).

Minden was not the only area affected.

There were roads washed out throughout Algonquin Highlands, with a severe case being Dawson Road near Maple Lake.

On the morning of April 19, several

metres of the road had been wiped out, with a culvert heading off downstream.

"We got it back into place," said Algonquin Highlands public works director Mike Thomas. "The culvert was in pretty poor condition, but we made it work, for now."

The culvert may need to be replaced and Thomas was unsure of what the cost of damage in the township might be.

"It's going to be mainly clean up, the cost of the gravel, the men's time," he said, adding his crew had put in 12- and 13-day days during the weekend to get roads passable.

The fire departments of Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al assisted Minden Hills with the voluntary evacuations of homes in Minden's low-lying areas on Sunday.

Reid said she was grateful for all the help from surrounding townships, the county, the province and community volunteers.

The reeve was continuing to have regular emergency meetings with Kennedy, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, county CAO Jim Wilson and other municipal staff.

Residents on wells are advised to have their water tested. Bottles are at the arena.



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# Wu's departure puts on the pinch

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills township and Haliburton Family Health Team will be meeting to try to find a solution to the departure of Minden's Dr. Bennet Wu.

After sending a letter to his patients in late March informing them he was leaving for a six-week stint to practice in Iroquois Falls, Ont., until mid-May, Wu confirmed in a letter in the *Times* last week that he will be relocating his practice to the small community near Timmins.

Wu, who practised in Minden for 20 years, has said the move is a financial one, that incentives offered by Iroquois Falls will allow him to deal with personal financial problems.

The Haliburton Family Health Team had made arrangements to have doctors at Wu's clinic until mid-May to look after his patients.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid told the paper that while the township had not received any official notice from Wu that he was leaving, his public letter made it pretty clear he would be moving his practice.

Reid and the family health team were setting up meetings to deal with the issue.

In the meantime, the county's medical professional recruitment committee continues to find ways to get more doctors to the area.

"With Dr. Wu's sudden and unanticipated departure, the pressure is on everyone in the health community to step up to the plate and try to ensure that all of his patients have the treatment that they

deserve," Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Liz Danielssen, who chairs the committee, wrote in an email to the *Times*. "Having said that, the greatest immediate pressure is on our family health team, HHHS and Minden Hills with the committee providing any support that it can to help to resolve this situation."

Danielssen wrote that the committee, which tends to take a longer term of view, will be doing a survey on the province Health Care Connect program, for which area participation has been relatively low.

That survey will be available for completion until June 15.

The committee has compared notes with the successful recruitment drive in Kinmount and, according to Danielssen, "they ultimately attributed their recent successes to 'luck and signage.' We'll keep our fingers

crossed on the luck part, but their comments have helped us with some of our marketing decision making."

During the summer, a number of locums and medical students are scheduled to be in the county.

"The committee will make every effort to ensure that our visitors are welcomed and shown the attributes of Haliburton County," Danielssen wrote. "In addition there are several 'irons in the fire' as to possible physicians that we hope to attract to the Highlands. Meanwhile, it is our sincere hope that we will see two physicians or a combination of physicians/nurse practitioners working full-time out of the Minden medical clinic soon and the committee will continue to work towards that goal without losing focus on the need for physicians throughout the county."



## Home for new EMS base

Work crews were on the former Walker's Auto Repair property on Highway 35 last week, extending the Minden water and sewer system to the site that will house the county's new EMS base.

**Chad Ingram** Staff

## Minden playwright gives history of writing career

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Once he was an adult, Michael Fay had to rediscover how to play.

A playwright from Haliburton County, Fay spoke on his writing career to the members of the Haliburton Highlands chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women at their April 18 meeting.

Held at Fleming College, the meeting featured Fay's contribution to rural theatre, which includes writing pieces based in and on Haliburton County.

His particular specialty is bringing lost history to the stage.

Throughout his career Fay has written about personal experiences, such as his opposition to the war in Vietnam.

Describing feeling like an outsider because of his beliefs, Fay took to the advice of Ernest Hemingway and wrote what he knew emotionally.

Going through an intense battle with cancer in the 1990s, Fay looked to Métis healers to help with his struggle.

This led to the writer "learning how to

play."

Later in his career Fay began writing historical plays, such as *Never Such Innocence Again*,

"Writing history is interpretation, not necessarily fact," he said.

Four of his most recent plays are each built on a formula on bringing lost history alive, he said.

His approach to writing is modeled after great writers of the past, "not the Lady Gagas of today."

Fay shared monologues from his works, which include *The Last of the Great White Pine*, about an environmental disaster, which is set to classical music.

*A River Needs to Run* is about the Gull River, located in Minden.

"I feel blessed to live in a part of Ontario that has a history of theatre."

In 2010 *The Golden Slipper*, an original play by Fay, was performed by local community group the Conjurors of County Town in Minden.

Fay is involved with various community organizations such as Arts Alive-Minden and the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands.

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### our editorial

## Rising to the occasion

I GOT TO WORK late last Friday morning.

When I arrived at the office, a Minden resident who sometimes submits photos to the paper was there.

He was showing my co-workers pictures of the Scotch Line with cars driving through a foot or so of water, ditches raging.

My colleagues informed me I ought to take a drive downtown, where I found the Gull River surging its banks.

Anson and McKnight were pooling with water and the river was just starting to snake its way across Invergordon Avenue near the boardwalk entrance.

Around the same time, Minden Hills township was issuing its first of what would become many press releases.

The wheels of a great machine were starting to turn.

The county began issuing releases about road closures as the water level continued to climb.

A number of roads had been washed out.

Minden Hills staffers were handing out flood notices to residents along the river.

I reposted the notices online along with some photos.

Then, with the weekend off, I left the county, admittedly thinking things would be back to normal by Monday.

On Sunday night, I saw a picture on Facebook that informed me in artful detail that something was seriously wrong in Minden.

It was a picture of the logger sculpture

on Riverwalk. And he was up to his knees in water.

Logging onto Twitter, I discovered not only that Minden Hills was in an all-out state of emergency, but that homes were being evacuated.

As I write this, it's a few days later and the situation only seems to be getting worse. The river continues to rise and cresting is not expected before Friday.

And while the situation is terrible, it's also a shining testament to the true mettle of the people of Haliburton County.

Everywhere there are people helping each other.

Neighbours offering rooms and food to those who had to leave their homes.

Volunteer firefighters and roads crews working insanely long hours to make roads passable.

A sandbag-filling reeve, a social media-savvy county warden, rolling up their proverbial sleeves and doing their best to ensure residents are safe and informed.

The Internet has been a flurry of activity.

What is amounting to a disastrous situation in Minden is underscoring what a truly tight-knit community this is, one where people know and genuinely care about each other.

Sure, sometimes we disagree. Those disagreements often play themselves out in these pages.

But, when a truly dangerous problem arises, this community is able to come together in a way that is little short of amazing.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter



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### letters to the editor

## Don't avoid area

To the Editor,

Driving up from my home to the cottage yesterday, I felt dismayed to hear on the radio that Minden Hills was advising seasonal residents to stay home because of the flooding. On my drive up from Waterloo I had already heard about the flooding in many areas.

Reports from Huntsville and Bracebridge gave many road closures and encouraged people to check with websites and locals before going to areas within their boundaries. I thought that was good advice. When I heard about what Minden Hills was advising it made me angry. Give information, please, but don't discourage people from coming up to check their cottages (and maybe spend some money). While there are several roads that are impassable, many cottages are on roads that are not affected by the flooding at all.

Wouldn't it be better to have people move items farther away from the rising waters than have the items floating down the lakes and rivers? Minden Hills should give information but always encourage people to come to this beautiful area.

Wendy Bolt  
Mountain Lake

## Dedicated dentists

To the Editor,

I would like to take the opportunity of Volunteer Appreciation Week to bring attention to the wonderful work of the volunteer dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists who have continued to volunteer at the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County.

The VDO clinic started seeing patients in May of 2011 after our community of volunteer contractors came together to complete the clinic, which continues to provide free dental care to low income residents of Haliburton County. Since we started, we have had the benefit of 12 different dentist volunteers.

Dr. John Purc, who attended the initial steering committee meetings, has continued to volunteer weekly. Our board of directors is also extremely pleased that Haliburton dentist, Dr. Ed Smolen, has joined our volunteer team. Along with a number of dentists who are part time residents of Haliburton County, including Dr. Brad Oldfin, Dr. Jim Hyland, Dr. Rick Bastien, Dr. Jeff Martin, Dr. Ed Busiek and Dr. Bill Moebus we have dentists such as Dr. Laurie Houston, Dr. Ian Gray, and Dr. Mark Baluschak who travel great distances

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# points of view

## A river runs through it

**A**S I WRITE this, the waters are still rising in Minden.

There, and in Bancroft, Huntsville, Bracebridge and other low lying settlements in central Ontario, the rivers have slipped their banks. Spring has over-sprung, and there is precious little we can do to stop it.

People have been evacuated, basements have been submerged and roads have been closed or washed out. Thankfully, no one has been injured.

Though I don't live in the affected areas, we drove from Kinmount to Gooderham on Sunday, where riverside residences were surrounded by the overflowing waters of the Irondale. Later that evening, we visited Minden, in the hours before Water Street ironically lived up to its name. We witnessed people canoeing in parking lots, walking in chest wad-

ers and driving trucks on Anson Street through waters that reached as high as their wheel wells.

Right now, the images posted from these places remind you of the U.S. news clips we've grown acclimatized to – the ones where the flood waters breach the banks and sandbags of some small, Midwest town.

The difference is I know these people. So whether it is right or wrong, I feel a lot more for them. I worry for their wellbeing.

I feel for the disrupted lives. I feel for the memories and personal treasures that might now be waterlogged. I feel because the security of their homes has been violated. I feel because though help is coming from

all sides, the damage has already been done and they will look at each spring a little differently from here on in.

But I also cannot help but feel proud of these people.

On Sunday night, in Minden, I saw volunteers and firefighters from three municipalities fill countless sandbags. I heard news of a local motel offering discounted accommodation for those who have been displaced and learned of local people doing their part to help their neighbours.

Remarkably, at no point did I see despair or pessimism.

Instead, I watched as the best in people emerged. And I saw the true meaning of community.

I'm reasonably certain that this will be the way it is throughout these affected areas, if only because this compassion and willingness to help is the hallmark of every central Ontario small town I've ever had the pleasure of spending time in.

I hope that by the time I am scheduled to write my next column the waters have receded and those affected will receive the help they deserve. I hope the damage is not irreparable. I hope that we find ways so that this will never happen to these good people again.

I hope I can get back to writing humour because I think these people will need a laugh or two. But mostly, I hope I never forget how impressed I was by the people of Minden.

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Two solitudes

**I**Nside THE SUGAR shack, it is impossible to tell whether the woodpecker pounding on the steel roof overhead is a yellow-bellied sapsucker, but it ought to be.

There certainly are sapsuckers on Sapsucker Ridge, the 50 acres I share with The Brown Dog Jiggs, but there is room enough for woodpeckers of all persuasions.

On sunny sap-gathering days, an old married couple of pileateds cackles their way through the tree tops, laughs at their own private jokes, so the percussionist could be one of them. Or a hairy or a downy, for that matter. Who knows?

Ducks quack contentment on the beaver pond just across the trail that runs past the shack. A big honking vee of Canada geese overhead follows the leader north.

Songbirds sing in defence of land titles. Barred owls bark their serenades of love. Ravens coo and gurgle. Is that drumming in the distance a partridge?

Leeks spear the leaf litter in the sugar bush. Daffodils puncture my lawn. Buds puff up in anticipation. The roaring creek gulps and burps its way through the dented culvert under

my woods road.

Just outside the sugar-shack door, Jiggs sleeps in the sun, stretched out flat on his side. In another five weeks, he will be 11 years old. In the wisdom of age, he lifts his head to bark alarms instead of chasing them, then drops his head back down and sleeps some more.

The ice on the pond is almost gone and the water may be a little higher than usual, but then the water always seems high in April. On Sapsucker Ridge, this is a spring like any other spring.

Not so just beyond the concession line that bounds the back of our 50 acres, just past where the forest gives way to the old fields and gravel pits on the brow of the Gull River valley.

For the river that usually runs through the valley now spreads over it, oozes its way through backyards and into basements, surrounds buildings surrounded by sandbags.

The topographical map puts Sapsucker Ridge 200 feet higher than the valley, which suits us just fine. We are

above the valley and apart from it.

For all it has to do with our lives on high ground, the life of the village now seems as remote as an exploding finish line in Boston, or the ruins of a Turkish earthquake.

When we go into town, we might be driving into a newsreel, a newsreel with familiar faces. We are on the other side of the glass, looking in from the outside at other people's toil and anguish. We are outsiders in this transformed world.

A part of me, the part that once was a newspaperman, wants to be on the other side of that glass, wading right into the middle of things, trying to figure out what is happening and why. Now I leave that work to Jenn and Chad, to Darren and Angelica.

The Brown Dog takes my wife and me for a walk down Deep Bay Road, then up Bobcaygeon Road, hoping for a better look, then back into McKayville. A friend sandbagging her store looks up, smiles and waves from across the street, but she is on the other side of the glass.

There must be a flow in all this water, but on this day the liquid seems to just sit there, the village looking as though the water came first and the buildings were an exotic afterthought.

At its village end, the road out from Sapsucker Ridge has become a parking lot, both sides lined with pickup trucks waiting for their turns at the sandbags.

It's a long drive for the loaded pickups from there to the other side of the river, up Bobcaygeon, across the Scotch Line, down the highway and finally back into the village.

On the way out, I meet parades of pickups coming back for another load. The parade stops for a trio of turkeys halfway out on the highway, trying to make up their minds.

Mother Nature thwarts our best-laid plans. We work hard to fight her to a draw. Take away the upstream dams and each spring would put a lake in downtown Minden.

Two hundred feet above the river, we live in another world. Driving home, I watch a great blue heron lift out of a roadside pond.



**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

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# letters

## Almost 300 served

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to provide free dental care to our residents who cannot afford dental care. The work of these dentists and our team of volunteer hygienists, dedicated dental assistants and dental receptionists has amounted to over \$540,000 in free dental care for 298 patients since we started this project.

I am very proud to be associated with these professionals and the work done at the Volunteer Dental Outreach and express my sincere gratitude to all of these individuals for the care and compassion they provide as they volunteer their free time or close their private practices for the benefit of our patients.

**Dr. William Kerr**  
Chief of dental staff of Volunteer Dental Outreach  
for Haliburton County

## Blues is back

Those "Joint Chiefs of Soul" Lance Anderson on Hammond B3 organ and drummer Mike Sloski are returning to the Dominion Hotel in Minden by popular demand. The guys are coming as part of the continuing "Canadian Blues Legends" series. Joining Lance and Mike will be special guest Stan Russell on guitar.

The Dominion Hotel gig on Saturday, April 27 will be an evening of fabulous blues, jazz and funky soul music. Show time is 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (plus sc and hst) and are available by calling the Dominion 705-286-6954 or 877-888-6954.



## A better cell tower idea

To the Editor,

Without a defined public consultation process to be administered by the Land Use Authority, the default Industry Canada procedure requires that property owners within three times the tower height be notified and a newspaper ad is taken out. This procedure brought us the Miners Bay tower (a.k.a. W2204). Given this and that council seems determined to do nothing about telecom B's tower W2204 we, out of fairness, thought we should scout out a suitable location for telecom R to build a tower. Competition in the private sector is deemed a healthy thing.

We believe we have found the ideal location on the west side of Deep Bay Road near the Little Gull transfer station. A 400 feet tower with bright lights would have an unrestricted exposure to the entire east side of Gull and Denna Lakes, an unobstructed exposure to the west side of Sugar Island in Gull Lake and as

a bonus it would be clearly visible from Moore Lake and possibly Little Bob and Bob Lakes. Even better, there are no residents within 1,200 feet and thus no troublesome letters to write. In fact, there is no need to spoil the surprise by directly informing any property owner a tower is coming.

This location would place the tower in the centre of those otherwise annoying sunsets these areas are now subjected to. The only negative we can think of is that a tower in this location would be directly in front of a councillor's island cottage and possibly visible from another's residence.

This may be enough to cause council to rethink their reaffirmed policy of endorsing the existing policy for new towers and their neglect of the interests of the ratepayers already impacted by W2204.

**Dave Bonham**  
**Corina Champion**  
**Minden**

## Smiling through the flood

To the Editor,

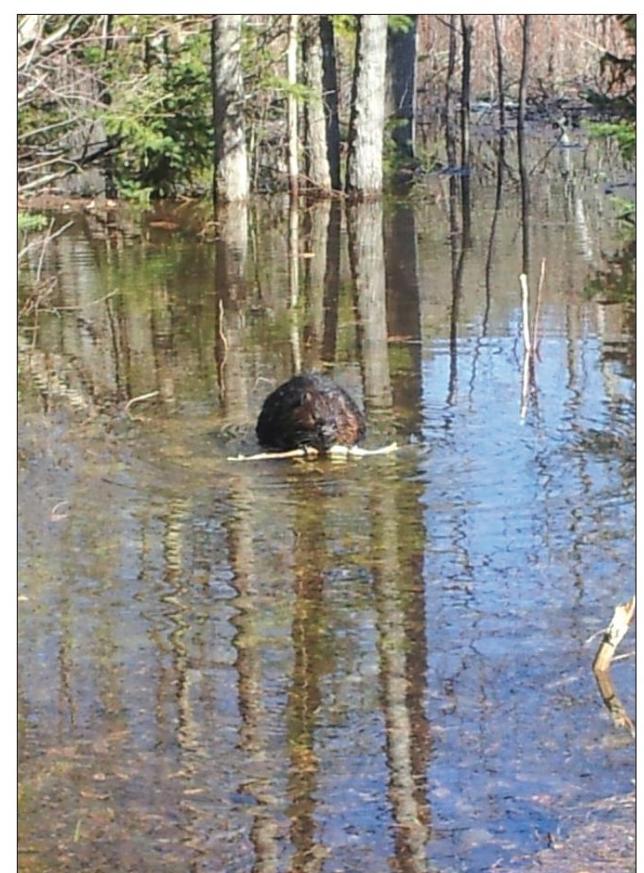
I live on Anson Street and have been affected by the flooding in Minden. We evacuated our home a couple days ago and are keeping our fingers crossed that everything will be OK with our house as we have only been there five months! Anyway, I have seen all the devastating pictures of the flooding in Minden and I know that they will be published in almost every newspaper. Before we evacuated our house I took some pictures that I thought would be something happy to publish in the paper and maybe put a smile on people's faces instead of just seeing all of the other sad pictures of our town underwater. Here are a few pictures of a beaver that made our flooded back yard his new home.



He was there for two days straight. He must have come from the swamp behind our house. We have a large pile of brush and branches from a tree we cut down that we were waiting to burn and he is in seventh heaven. He would go choose a stick swim over to the other side of the yard and start chewing them ... when he got bored with that stick he would swim over to the pile and choose another stick! I have lived in the Minden/Haliburton area all my life and have seen lots of beavers, but never one swimming in my backyard!

It definitely brought a smile to my face in light of the situation! I am hoping that these pictures could put some smiles on others faces too!

**Leah Thomas and Jeff Patterson**  
**Minden**



# AH gets funding for revised ranger program

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands will be receiving money from the province to host a downgraded version of the Ministry of Natural Resources's youth ranger program.

In the fall, the provincial government announced it was scrapping the 70-year-old program, which hired youth to assist with MNR work.

Both Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills townships wrote letters asking the province to reconsider its decision

after hearing passionate presentations from Trent University student Jaclyn Brown, a former ranger.

"They've since come out with this program in its place," park, recreation and trails manager Mark Coleman told councillors, adding that unlike its predecessor, the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program will be day-based, not residential.

The nearly \$30,000 from the province will be used to pay wages and additional expenses.

"Staff feels this is an excellent opportunity for the township to secure additional labour/funding support of its trails and parks management programs," Coleman wrote

in a report to council. "The proposed funding will cover payroll, training, transportation, equipment and supply expenses to operate the program within Algonquin Highlands without additional expense to the township."

"The hiring, training, co-ordination, supervision, mentoring and reporting of the program is well within the capacity of the parks, recreation and trails department and would be primarily undertaken by the trails supervisor under the direction of the manager of parks, recreation and trails."

Local students will be hired.

The program will run from July 2 to Aug. 23.

## No fireworks bylaw for Algonquin Highlands

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands will not be creating a fireworks bylaw at this time.

Rather, the township will be incorporating fireworks regulations into its existing noise bylaw.

Councillors made that decision after hearing from bylaw officer Mitch O'Grady during an April 18 meeting.

Council had been moving towards a bylaw dealing specifically with fireworks and O'Grady spent months creating a draft, telling councillors "I spent numerous hours in discussion and research."

However, due to reasons of cost and overtime associated with the enforcement of such a bylaw, O'Grady recommended council refrain from passing it and, instead, incorporate fireworks rules into the township's noise bylaw, an amended version of which he would bring forward at a future council meeting.

"I'm torn on this one," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding she had concerns with the staffing measures enforcing the bylaw would require. "I also have concerns about doing nothing."

There's been increasing discussion in the county in the past couple of years about fireworks going off on non-holidays and at late hours.

In terms of actual complaints to the township, O'Grady's report read there none in 2009, 72 through a petition in 2010, two in 2011 and two in 2012.

O'Grady said the complaints stemmed mainly from a couple of resorts and didn't know if it was necessary to pass a township-wide bylaw.

"Could the lodges be responsible for the activities that take place on their property?" asked Councillor Gord Henderson.

"Most of this occurs in the middle of the night," O'Grady said, adding that resort owners need to sleep too. "It's alcohol-driven. It's not good business [for resort owners to discipline customers for lighting fireworks], so they leave it to us to resolve these issues."

O'Grady also said it's the person who violates the bylaw, not the resort owner, who is responsible and chief administrative officer Angie Bird said the township had no way of holding resort owners responsible.

Posting copies of a revised noise bylaw in rental cabins could be one way of trying to educate vacationers, O'Grady suggested.

Moffatt and Bird both expressed concerns about the burden enforcement of the bylaw would put on staff and the subsequent overtime costs for the township.

O'Grady agreed.

"At the end of the day, I just don't know how we're going to afford to do it," he said.

Bird suggested enforcing a fireworks bylaw may even require hiring additional staff.

Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels said she'd had much constituent input on the issue and wanted to see something done, suggesting that fines in the draft bylaw should be heightened as a deterrent.

O'Grady said he thought the township would have a difficult time getting the attorney general's office to agree to fines greater than \$250 for violation.

After considerable discussion, councillors went with the recommendation that fireworks regulations be incorporated into the existing noise bylaw.

Minden Hills is working on a bylaw that would place tight restrictions on the dates and times when residents are allowed to set off fireworks.

If passed, it will be the first township in the county to have a bylaw dealing specifically with fireworks.

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## County comes together

The public and members of the Ontario Fire Rangers, Minden Fire Department and the Stanhope Fire Department bag sand at the Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church on Bobcaygeon on Tuesday, April 23. The county has come together to help Minden through huge floods in the downtown.

Darren Lum Staff



## Community kitchen steps up

The Minden Hills Community Kitchen's Marilynne Lesperance helps to make food with several other volunteers to be distributed by the Minden Food Bank for people affected by the flood. They helped to make chicken dinners, chicken soup, chili and salads from food donated by the food bank. The community kitchen is run by SIRCH and its volunteers.

Darren Lum Staff

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# Looking back on lodges

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

They were once a way of life in Haliburton County, but now almost non-existent.

Dennis Casey spoke about the heritage of lakeside lodges during a meeting of the Haliburton County Historical Society at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on April 18.

"The resort industry as we've known it has died," Casey, a councillor with Dysart et al township, told a crowd assembled in the common room. "That's an era we're never going to see, ever again."

Lakeside lodges once dotted the county, with a large concentration of them on Lake Kashagawigamog.

Now, only the Bonnie View, Halimar and the Wigamog - which is closed - remain.

For Casey, the story of the county's lodges is a personal one, as he has a deep family connection to the industry.

His grandfather, Robert Gould - for whom Gould's Crossing gets its name - began taking in guests on his farm in the early 1900s.

This is how many of the early resorts started out.

Gould's son Bruce, Casey's grandfather, would take things to the next level when he bought a chunk of property in the early 1920s.

"My grandfather in his wisdom bought a mile and half of shore . . . for \$750," Casey said. "He bought it for a woodlot."

That property would also house Birch Point Lodge.

Before reliable roads were established, guests would arrive by train, then taken by buggy to landing by the shore of the lake where they were picked up by boat and

taken to the lodges.

At that time, it was common for some families to spend two months on vacation.

There were sailboat races and volleyball tournaments.

Birch Point has a giant, concrete checker board where players moved big wood pieces.

"There were fun things going on," Casey said.

Friday night was skit night.

"All the adults would get up and make fools of themselves," Casey said.

There was also monkey golf - played with just a five-iron and putter.

It was a culture that would fade with time.

Birch Point would eventually go to Casey's mother and then Casey, who ran the resort from 1996 to 2005.

During that time, Casey said he saw two-week vacations turn to one week, then turn to five days, then turn to three.

He admitted that driving by, what was once Birch Point, is difficult for him. It was where he had his first job.

"The first job I ever had there I washed pots and pans," he said, adding slyly, "my grandmother told me I was the best."

At one time, Kashagawigamog also had a large cottaging population out of Ohio, as well as a fairly large Jehovah's Witness population.

Casey's grandmother was a devout Jehovah's Witness and money of hers was used to build a church in the area, the building that is now home to SIRCH Community Services.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum is currently looking for as much information as possible on the lodges that once existed in the county and anyone with information is encouraged to get in touch.



**Chad Ingram** Staff

Dennis Casey shows the blueprint for a giant checkerboard that guests at his family's Birch Point Lodge once enjoyed.

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# Residents smile despite the disaster

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

*As the waters continue to rise, the strength of the community is made more evident through the stories of people showing their spirit in the face of a flood.*

*Family, friends and strangers are helping one another. There has been a show of support by nearby community members. Whether it's the Ontario Fire Rangers or the Dysart and Algoma Highlands fire departments, they all have come to lend a hand.*

*When it was possible Minden born resident Dan Garbutt, owner of Highlands Towing, used his flatbed truck to bring out 15 vehicles free of charge from flooded areas in Anson Road over two days. The Minden Home Hardware has provided several staff members to volunteer with the efforts and is allowing anyone affected by the flood to use equipment for free from their rentals, which will continue following the flood for commercial heaters and fans for the cleanup.*

*The following is one of these stories of strength and spirit.*

They didn't know it, but when they left behind their home and their belongings they rediscovered what really mattered ... each other.

Smiling and laughing over wine, it's hard to know that the Penfolds have a home overrun by the Gull River in the ever-rising water in Minden.

On Friday, Joanna and Robert Penfold didn't expect the water to rise so much. By late Sunday morning, the action of bailing water with their Shop-vac was not having an effect.

"We've done everything we can. We're going. There's no point. It's time to get out. Not that we were in immediate danger. The power is turned off. Whatever is going to happen is going to happen," Joanna said. "I'm sure that's what the people on Anson felt as well. At some point people all thought you could do something then all of sudden you knew you couldn't."

The Penfolds have lived at their Invergordon Avenue home since 2007 and this is the worst they've seen it, pointing to an area by a tree, some 15 yards from their home.

The couple spent close to two hours getting things off of the floor and moving other important items such as photo books to the second and floor times late Sunday morning. They finally left Sunday afternoon.

When it was time to go the Penfolds grabbed their passports, wallets, credit cards and a change of clothes, including a few photo albums.

Paddling away in their canoe from their home they didn't feel a sense of loss, but rather the love for each other and the comfort of neighbours and friends Molly McInerney and Guy Dumas, who were recounting the past few days' events over on the second floor of Molly's Bistro, mere blocks from the Gull River.

They've all taken refuge there along with two dogs and two cats saved by Dumas in his sports utility vehicle.

Joanna said she knew they could have stayed to save their homes and attempt to fend off the swelling waters, but accepted the overwhelming situation and was glad to be with



**Darren Lum** Staff

Minden resident Joanna Penfold points to her neighbour's house on the submerged Invergordon Avenue on the way to checking her own home on Tuesday morning, April 23. Penfold left Sunday by canoe when the Gull River swelled.



**Darren Lum** Staff

Minden residents Joanna and Robert Penfold exit their house after getting food from their freezer at their Invergordon Avenue home.

friends.

"There is a sense of comfort being with other people. It's not trite. It sounds trite, but it isn't," she said, adding there is safety in the company of others.

Their neighbours McInerney and Dumas were busy at their local restaurant in town unaware of the changing situation.

They didn't realize how high the river was until Dumas was asked by McInerney to go and check on things at their home on Sunday afternoon.

"All we got were bits and pieces of information. She sent me back to see what was going down to see how deep the water had got. I phoned her and said I got to get the animals outta here and we've got to pack. What do you want me to pack up? She said get the photos out of the basement. You know the ones that are dear to us. Grab the clothes off the bed and what-

ever you can," he said. "We went back to get more provisions like blankets and things that we'll need here," Dumas said.

McInerney spent her whole life on the Gull River growing up, seeing it flood and recede, but never on this scale.

When she felt the urgency so did everyone else.

After all, this is where you'll see the spirit of this community, Robert said.

He likens it to the "barn raisings" of the past.

"This is what's going to happen in the aftermath of this. That'll be a story in and of itself for you," he said, speaking over his friends, laughing. "We're going to have to pull together."

When asked how they can remain smiling knowing their homes are being overrun, Robert replied: All we have is a sense of spirit. "We have more than that," his wife retorted, looking around the room, smiling.

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# Irondale River floods basements, bridges

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden was not the only community in Minden Hills township affected by flooding during the weekend.

Residents in Irondale were also dealing with incredibly high water levels as the Irondale River swelled its banks.

According to residents, the water reached its highest point Saturday, affecting homes and flooding basements.

Some people left their houses and one of the community's bridges was also overtaken by the river for a time.

While the river had receded somewhat by Monday, its levels were still incredibly high.

Toronto resident Steven Liakos, who was arriving at his cottage off of County Road 503 after hearing about flooding in the area, estimated the river was eight to 10 feet higher than usual.

A flight of wooden stairs that would normally lead down to the water was on its side and stuck against some trees in the strong current.

Opening his cottage, Liakos shed a few expletives as he discovered his sump pump had stopped working and his basement contained nearly a metre of water.

The river had overtaken Contau Lake Road, which, on Monday, was still impassable and barricaded.

Longtime resident and former Snowdon reeve George Simmons told the *Times* he'd only seen the river higher once, during the 1990s.



**Chad Ingram** Staff

Above, Irondale cottager Steve Liakos points to what was his wooden stairway down the river on April 22.

Right, water in Steve Liakos's basement.

Far right, The Irondale River had overtaken Contau Lake Road on Monday, making it impassable.



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## Doing Better Together for youth mental health

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, in collaboration with partner organizations CHIMO Youth and Family Services, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Children's Services Council and Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid, is hosting the county's first children's mental health conference, Doing Better Together. Over 100 educators and mental health professionals will gather from April 29 through May 3 at the Minden Community Centre to share knowledge and insights on topics such as treatment planning using Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS), autism training, mental health awareness, emotional co-regulation and regulation, anxiety, high conflict separations, parent alienation syndrome and plan of care for children up to six years old.

Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time, states, "We are thrilled to be able to be providing such high calibre, leading edge and evidence informed training to Haliburton County. This exciting initiative has been made possible as of result of the strong partner organizations commitment and ongoing commitment to collaboration."

Highlights of the conference will include the inaugural meeting of a Provincial CANS Community of Practice and keynote address by Larry Hope, director of education, Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to speak at this important event," stated Hope. "The increased and improved focus on mental health resources in our schools and communities is providing and encouraging possibilities for students and their families." Doing Better Together will bring together the best in the field and will feature the first ever co-presentation by Dr. John Lyons and Dr. Stuart Ablon.

Dr. Lyons, professor in the school psychology at the University of Ottawa holds the distinguished inaugural endowed chair of child and youth mental research from the University of Ottawa and the Children's Hospital of eastern Ontario. Dr. Ablon is the director of Think Kids in the department of psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is also associate clinical professor of psychology in the department of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.



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# Giving seniors a voice through art-making

*This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands. Over the next few months, the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times will feature a series of articles that will highlight the organization's successes and the development of the arts in the Highlands. Enjoy!*

There comes a time when all of us have to come to terms with our own mortality.

For many seniors, the aging process is one full of angst, pain and isolation.

In Haliburton County, an innovative program known as Visible Voices has addressed those personal struggles through art-making.

"I was inspired by a program out of the U.K. called Arts On Prescription," said Fay Wilkinson, program co-ordinator and registered expressive arts consultant. "It's a program where doctors were writing prescriptions for art-making rather than drugs."

In 2008, Fay turned that inspiration into action with the launch of a pilot project called Arts RX.

"I went to the education committee of the Arts Council [Haliburton Highlands] and kind of pitched it," said Wilkinson.

Her idea was so well-received that she was given funding for arts supplies from the Arts Council and the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC). Through Arts RX, Wilkinson visited residents of local long-term care homes for one- to two-hour art-making sessions over a 10-week period.

"I wanted to see if this works, what it's like and how well it's received," she said. "It was phenomenal. I really had no idea of how helpful it would be working with seniors - and what stories and complete honesty would emerge through the artwork."

Wilkinson saw first-hand just how many of the participants were overcome by feelings of loss and sadness.

"I learned tons about me. I learned tons about aging. I learned tons about my own mortality," she said.

In 2009, Visible Voices officially launched after the federal government granted \$19,000 to the Arts Council through the New Horizons for Seniors program.

"This time it was to train senior volunteers to work with other seniors primarily in their own homes. The target [group] was isolated seniors."

The volunteers received training and were sent to the homes of seniors with art kits in tow. During the 10-week initiative participants were able to express themselves through sculpture, fabric, storytelling, poetry and dance.

Wilkinson then reached out to two professors at Trent University to conduct an arts-based research paper.

According to an executive summary published by Trent University, the research focused on the experiences and creative processes of eight pairs of volunteers and seniors who participated in the initial program.

A copy of that paper is available through the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, and was submitted to a peer review journal on arts and health in the U.K.

Last year, Wilkinson launched the latest installment of Visible Voices - "Through the Looking Glass." The two-part program explored depression with seniors living in Hyland Crest and Highland Wood through artwork and stories.

"That was big," said Wilkinson of the seven-month program, which was funded by the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund.

Through one-on-one sessions with Wilkinson, seniors participated in individualized expressive arts experiences that included visual art, sculpture, storytelling, poetry, sound, movement and fibre art.

Their journey through art-making was documented by Highlands Media Arts.

"The first part is me working with the seniors, the sec-

Wilkinson presented the video to a number of local groups, including students at the Haliburton School of the Arts, and they produced art in response to what they saw.

"That art went back to the seniors. So there's this lovely loop of art."

Wilkinson said this made the seniors realize their work had been seen and appreciated. At the end of the project, she noticed considerable changes in the seniors' demeanour.

"They were more confident, they were doing things they didn't believe they were able to do ... they were sur-

prised and delighted.

"There were periods of reflection, which brought out some sadness, but through the art we could work with it and almost play with it."

Wilkinson said that without the support of the Arts Council, Visible Voices may not have come to fruition.

"I can't say enough," she said. "Without them, at the beginning, I wonder if any of this would've happened."

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# Volunteers the lifeblood of our community

National Volunteer Week celebrates 13 million volunteers

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Time is a precious thing.

Thousands give it freely for the benefit of a stronger community in Haliburton County. They enrich our lives and provide help and support when no one else would.

Many are the unsung heroes our community is built upon.

This week is reserved for the 13 million volunteers across the country.

The National Volunteer Week (April 21 to 27) recognizes and celebrates the efforts of volunteers.

Brigitte Gebauer, volunteer co-ordinator for Community Care Haliburton

County, cannot overstate the importance of volunteers for her organization, which services close to 1,300 clients.

"Volunteers are the backbone of Haliburton County – wherever you look in this community volunteers are creating a better place for us to live, whether it be community services like Community Care, our hospitals, the environment, the arts and entertainment sector, outdoor activities, service clubs, churches," she wrote in an email. "At the same time, by volunteering, they are creating a more fulfilling experience in their own lives."

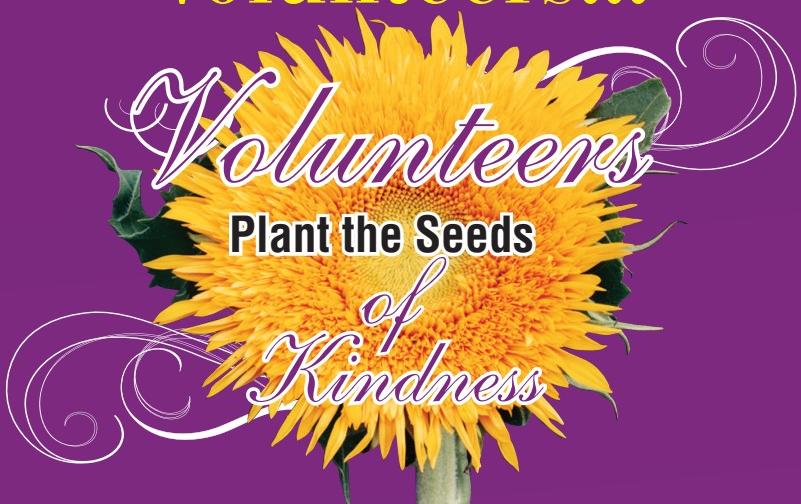
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**Darren Lum** Staff

A volunteer sounds the alarm to kick off the 2013 Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships in Haliburton on Friday, Jan. 25. An army of dedicated volunteers braved the cold to enable this two-weekend event to be possible. This includes members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club and the Haliburton ATV Club.



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# Thousands help across Haliburton County

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Community Care provides services to seniors and adults with disabilities and/or illness and their caregivers, according to their website.

There are close to 130 volunteers for Community Care who provide most of the services offered: meals on wheels, friendly visiting, diner's club, social recreation activities, emergency response systems, security checks and transportation to medical appointments.

Gebauer adds the volunteer board of directors directs the organization while volunteers also help with administration, fundraising and community outreach efforts.

All it takes is a simple thanks to show appreciation, she said.

"We try our best to express how much Community Care volunteers mean to the lives of our clients.

We quote statistics and share stories, but it is hard sometimes to quantify the true value or impact of our volunteers. Sometimes a simple smile or acknowledgement of a person has more impact than anyone can understand. Fiscally and statistically we can give you all the numbers, but recognizing their true value is most often immeasurable," she said.

John Teljeur is the consummate volunteer, having led food crusades for the local food banks and helped to bring the recent Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships to Haliburton this past winter.

Last year's Highlander of the Year sees volunteering as repaying the community that gives him so much.

"It's paying back your community for giving you the light that you've been able to get. [I get to help] people who don't necessarily have the things that I don't have," he said.

Through his professional and volunteering experience, organizations don't always need money as much as time and skills.

The past five years he has been a regular volunteer.

Teljeur's motivation is his three-year-old daughter Sarah.

She is a symbol for the next generation and a reminder for him to stay the course to help others. He said with two parents, both with good jobs, his daughter really doesn't need anything.

"It's those kids that don't have it as well. We need to intercede in helping them because if we don't help them to go to school and have a proper meal ... they're going to repeat that cycle of poverty that some of their parents find themselves in,"



Perpetual volunteer John Teljeur, of Gelert, says giving back makes the whole community better. /File photo

he said, referring to the reason for his food drives. "One thing they should never have to worry about is where their next meal is coming from."

Next year he plans on two charity concerts to benefit area non-profit organizations to bring greater economic opportunities to the county.

Roxanne Casey, Canoe FM's station manager, said nothing would be possible without her 95 volunteers, describing them as "integral" to operations.

"If we had to pay someone to do the crucial work that these volunteers do we would not be able to provide the service we do. We have two paid

staff and one contract sales person. Last year volunteers put in 13,620.25 hours," she wrote in an email. "If we had to pay people at \$15 per hour that would be over \$204,000 alone. Volunteers are community radio in the Haliburton Highlands ... without the volunteers there truly would

not be a community radio station."

The duties of the station's volunteers range from fundraising and administrative to producing and hosting shows, including property maintenance. As mandated by the Canadian Radio-Television Telecommunications Commission, the station offers these volunteer opportunities to community members. This kind of offering ensures diversity in programming for the community, she said.

Although Casey does her best to thank volunteers who deserve credit, she admits when she is busy and facing deadlines it's something that can be missed.

"I am very fortunate that I have such a dedicated group of volunteers who seem to love every aspect of the station," she said. "Not everyone wants to be on the air, but they like being a part of a volunteer organization that truly makes a difference."

Our lives in Haliburton County depend on volunteers.

Whether it's providing service for a non-profit organization or being present for a person and their family in their final days to just holding an uplifting and joyous event, volunteers make it all happen.

"Where ever you look in this community volunteers are creating a better place for us to live, whether it be community services like Community Care, our hospitals, the environment, the arts and entertainment sector, outdoor activities, service clubs and churches.

By volunteering, they are creating a more fulfilling experience in their own lives," Gebauer said.



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# Hawks embrace COSSA championship

Five seniors earn berths to the all-provincial championships next month in Chatham

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks badminton team proved to be the best, winning the overall team title at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship in Haliburton this past week.

This outcome was not a certainty as the championship ended with a pair of nail-biters including two doubles teams from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Both matches would decide silver and the last remaining berth for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships scheduled at the École secondaire de Pain Court in Pain Court and Chatham from May 2 to 4. The tension was thick as teammates and family of HHSS teams watched gasping after each point.

Just as the HHSS mixed doubles team of Bin Chun and Jaimie Dack were celebrating their come-from-behind, two games to one win against Carissa Stewart and Mike Bowen of Centennial Secondary School, their teammates Jessica Duchene and Sandy Griffith were getting pushed by the North Hastings High School pair of Chanelle Keating and Crysta Stubbs to a third and deciding game in the best-of-three match.

This game was a back-and-forth affair. The teams traded points right until the end. Both were giving it their all, diving for everything.

Haliburton hung on to win 21-19 for the all-provincial berth to join Chun and Dack to rousing applause from the partisan crowd.

Earlier in the event Red Hawks singles player Darcy Schmidt had already assured himself a spot at the all-provincials when he won without dropping a game against Jacob Harvey of Adam Scott Collegiate and Vocational Institute in the gold medal game.

Schmidt didn't shout or jump around after he won the COSSA final 2-0, but he had a smile from ear-to-ear that said everything.

Schmidt, who trains in the off-season and has been getting court play since November, is the best player in COSSA and he really wasn't tested.

He didn't drop a game throughout his championship, but he admits nerves nearly got the best of him in the final against Harvey. He regained his composure by thinking of each shot, ensuring a clean finish and closing out the final game 21-17 after winning the opening game in a rout 21-6.

"I got scared and I didn't want to go to a third game so I put pressure on and got ahead and stayed ahead and then I won," he said.

This is his second COSSA gold medal and berth to the all-provincials. The achievement isn't any less significant this second time.

"It was bit easier this year because competition wasn't as high, but it still means a lot to me," he said.

This time he expects a top-10 finish.

Since November the Grade 12 student has been playing as much as he could, including club play with Ridges Badminton Club in Millbrook.

Schmidt is thankful to his dad and practice partner Bob Schmidt, junior coach, who is his playing partner and senior coach Jason Morissette.

Shock was written on Dack's face following the event.

"Oh my gosh," she said. "Last year we were in the other team's shoes where they beat us so it's just good to be on the other end. It's so stressful though. Like the whole time your heart is pounding."

The doubles team finished third last year. This is Dack's first appearance at the all-provincials. She said the two are very encouraging of one another despite her partner's verbal outbursts, regularly shouting in displeasure over missed shots. The Grade 12 student has grown accustomed to his outbursts.

"Sometimes I don't even know if he's talking about himself [or me]," she said.

Chun's response, smiling, "We had to win."



**Darren Lum** Staff

The senior Red Hawks Sandy Griffith, at back, left, Jaimie Dack, Jessica Duchene, front, Bin Chun and Darcy Schmidt have all advanced to the all-provincials after strong performances at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hosted Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics finals on Wednesday, April 17. Singles player Schmidt finished first, doubles team of Griffith and Duchene finished second while teammates Chun and Dack finished second in mixed doubles. The trophy is for the overall team win.

Morissette had confidence in his team long before the start of the season.

He was proven right when the seniors won the overall team title with 46 points, which was led by the first place finish worth 15 points and the pair of second place finishes each worth 12.

This is a four-point improvement over last year when the Red Hawks tied East Northumberland Blue Dragons in COSSA at Bayside Secondary School. This is the

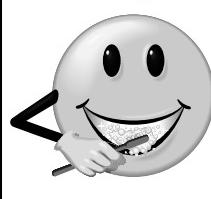
first time in 20 years, Morissette said, the team has won the team title outright. In 2012, Schmidt led the way with the gold while double teams Dack and Chun and Brett Yake and Andrew Murray won bronze.

This year's team included sixth place, Rin Shiina and Brigitta Hicks, fifth place, Ali Hicks and Jessica Bishop, and fifth place Tanner Hamilton and Tanner Ballyntyne.

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# Highlands Trio coming to Carnarvon Bowl



**Gina Atkinson**  
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There isn't much to say that hasn't been said already about this latest natural disaster that has hit our neighbours in Minden. We live in a beautiful area and one of the biggest draws has been the lakes and rivers, unfortunately this week the beauty of our area is lost on some. My heart goes out to those trying to set their lives up again. Again I notice that when things happen friends and neighbours do rally in our small town. I was down in Minden with many others helping lug sand bags around the buildings and it seemed so endless. It's times like these that it's hard to look for something positive to say except that one is never alone in their time of need. You just have to look around to see all the outpouring of help to know this. I just hope this mess will be sorted out as quickly as possible, and I really pray for no more rain for awhile.

Saturday night, many of us attended the fundraiser for Jay Manning of the Firehouse Restaurant. The place was packed to capacity - they actually had to add a second seating for the spaghetti dinner! It was heart-warming to see the community out to support such a worthy cause. Hopefully, plenty of cash was raised to help Jay with his medical expenses. The volunteers did

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an amazing job with the organization of this evening. Jay definitely does have friends in his corner!

A little reminder for you that this Saturday night from 5 to 7 p.m. is the all-you-can-eat pasta night at the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant located at the corner of 118 and 35. Chris will be making his delicious homemade sauce, sure to please everyone! This is a perfect setting for a family night out.

Saturday, May 4 is the new season grand opening at Pine Reflections Gift and Garden Centre. It's the grand unveiling plus a huge garage sale loaded with things you might need or just want - something for everyone! Also on Saturday May 4, head back to the Carnarvon Bowl and Restaurant to enjoy a live performance by the Highlands Trio starting at 8 p.m. Three great musicians: Dave Piercy, guitar and vocals; Mike Clewlow, keyboard and vocals; and Frank Kelly, bass and vocals.

These guys will perform a mix of bluegrass, country, downeast and rock 'n roll music. Something for everyone! Please note that in my previous column I had given you the wrong admission prices for this evening (yes, I made a mistake). The actual price for this performance is only \$7; 12 and under pay \$2 each. Tickets are available at the door. For more information please call 705-489-4216. This season's Pine Reflections has quite a few workshops planned for you. These are called the Healing Garden Workshop Series. It's a collection of sustainable garden tech-

niques using multi-functional plants. These workshops are being taught by Rebecca, an expert in environmental and horticultural trends starting Sunday, May 5. The first workshop is called Shi-take Culture and Other Fun Guys. This is a workshop where you can plant your shiitake plugs into a pre-drilled log which can be taken home to enjoy. If you choose to bring your own log it must be at least two to three-and-a-half feet long and between five and eight inches in diameter. This workshop will take place May 5 between 1 and 3 p.m. All workshops are \$20 each unless there's material involved. So if you attend this first workshop, it will cost \$40, which includes all necessary materials.

The second workshop will take place May 26 between 1 and 3 p.m. and is called Aromatherapy in the Garden. The cost of this workshop is only \$20. More detail will follow. Please note that a limited class size is preferred so please call and register to make sure you don't lose your spot. For more information and to register please call Rebecca at 705-489-1541.

Pine Reflections is now on Facebook so check out the more complete list of upcoming events there or pop into the store for a take-away list on this Healing Garden Workshop Series.

Put me down as one of many that are hoping that Peter, owner of Jug City at the corner of Highway 35 and Highway 118, will be the location of the new liquor store in town!

Have a great week!

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# Help clean up the town May 4



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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A couple of issues ago I wrote about strategies from a TV documentary to improve memory. Those three ladies' names on the test list are now firmly ingrained in my recall forever but this weekend there was a disturbing event. I lost the red onion. Cousin Margo, an avid *Times* reader, had travelled from London, Ontario and the menu called for a fresh caesar salad from scratch. Bruce had followed his shopping list to the letter and there on the counter were romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese, croutons, bacon bits and yes, a red onion as ordered. By prep time the red onion had disappeared. A search of frig crispers proved fruitless and all other reasonable hiding places were onionless. The salad was still delicious and we headed off to Cobourg to see granddaughter Emma in the Victorian Operetta Society's production of "Spamalot" which was terrific. One

day, however, that red onion will magically re-appear likely somewhat wrinkled and I will add its hiding spot to my recall list along with those dear ladies Karen, Holly and Cindy.

The populat lunches at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount held on the last Tuesday of the month begin again on Tuesday, April 30. The main menu feature is liver and onions but there is also a delicious alternative entrée available over lunch hour from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the cost is \$7 which includes your menu choice plus dessert and beverage. The lunches will continue from April through to fall. At the Branch, Friday night bingo starts at 6:45 p.m. with a \$300 must go jackpot and on Saturdays at 5 p.m. the meat draw is held.

Pet owners should mark their calendars now for the annual rabies clinic coming up at the Galway Fire Hall, 579 Galway Road on Saturday, May 11 from 12 to 2 p.m. This is a good opportunity to ensure your pet is properly protected.

There will be a super group garage sale on Saturday, May 25 (rain date June 1) by the Tai Chi-a Pets team which will be participating in the Relay For Life event in Haliburton on

June 14. Watch for this non-profit fundraiser event which will be located on the sidewalk area in front of the former pharmacy on Kinmount's Main Street between Christine's Hairstyling shop and the fish and chip takeout from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will have something for everyone with jewelry, music, books, small appliances, home décor items and much more.

The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders will hold a cookie blitz on Saturday, May 4 in downtown Kinmount. Shop there for your supply of delicious Girl Guide cookies which are also available at the Kinvale Restaurant, Austin Lumber or by calling 705-488-2919. That same Saturday is the annual "Pitch In Day" from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with everyone on board helping to clean up our town. Start at the Railway Station to pick up your assignment and supplies with prizes and refreshments after the cleanup. This can be a student community volunteer hours opportunity for high school students.

This is a difficult time for our neighbours in the Minden area affected by flooding and every hope is expressed that the situation will be resolved soon.

Until next week ...

## Want to become a legion member? Visit our website



We at the Minden Legion wish everyone well during this very difficult time of emergency due to the high water levels.

Members are reminded that the annual general meet-

ing of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 Minden is being held on Wednesday, May 1 starting at 7:30 p.m. Elections for president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and six executive committee positions will take place and members will be asked to vote on changes to our bylaws and regulations. Members of Branch 636 are encouraged to attend.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is also holding their annual general meeting in May. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8 and starts at 7 p.m. Members are encouraged

to attend.

The Highlands Trio will be entertaining us again on Saturday, April 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. Food will be available for purchase from 12 to 2 p.m.

Why not consider becoming a member of the Minden Legion? You do not have to be a veteran or be a family member of a vet to become a member.

Go to [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca) for further information. As a member you can volunteer and make a difference in our community!

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# Sparks coming back to Dorset



**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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Congratulations to Corey and Monique Crewson on the birth of their first child, Connor Andre Donald Crewson, at eight pounds one ounce, born on April 8. All are invited to celebrate and welcome Connor at a community baby shower at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 27.

For more information, contact Deb at 705-766-2439. Dorset Pitch In is this Saturday, April 27.

Meet at the Dorset Recreation Centre at 9 a.m. to pick up garbage and recycle bags, and to choose a route to tidy up.

All are welcome to help with the community spring clean up. Everyone meets back at the Recreation Centre at 11 a.m. for some tasty treats. To find out more, contact the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

Come out for a free craft at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This program is geared to adults and will be a copper wire dragonfly suitable for displaying in your garden. Sign up is required as space and materials are limited.

Please call the centre at 705-766-9968 by this Friday, April 26 to sign up.

The excitement is heating up surrounding this year's Hike for Hospice on May 5.

The residential hospice in Huntsville, Algonquin Grace, opened its doors just over a year ago and has been providing end of life care to members of our communities of Huntsville, Lake of Bays and beyond at full capacity ever since.

Each and every year Hospice Huntsville needs to raise \$350,000 to keep the doors open.

There are a number of events building awareness leading up to Hike for Hospice.

Watch for the purple boots at many local businesses (including in Dorset) waiting for your donation.

On May 1 from 2 to 3 p.m., Chartwell Select and Hospice Huntsville are hosting a Purple Tea and Silent Auction.

Admission is by donation to the purple boot campaign. Wear purple and enjoy the fun.

The main event, Hike for Hospice takes place at 1 p.m. at Avery Beach in Huntsville and all are welcome to join in.

Sponsor sheets to gather pledges may be found online at Huntsville Hospice or wherever you find a purple boot.

If you would like to donate online, go to Canada Helps and search for Hospice Huntsville. All funds raised stay in our community.

Sparks is coming back to Dorset!

Sparks is for girls ages five and six meeting once a week for an hour to do fun activities including discovering the community through outings to places such as a fire station, a farmers' market or a neighbourhood landmark, exploring the arts by making multi-dimensional collages, learning about bike safety, having fun preparing simple, healthy snacks, discovering the outdoors on a nature scavenger hunt, having sleepovers or going to a weekend camp.

The new Sparks program in Dorset will start in September and all girls ages five and six from Dorset, Bayville and Dwight are welcome.

For more information, please contact Lee at burgesslt@me.com or visit www.girlguides.ca.

Birthday wishes for April 21 to 27 go out to Grace McEachern, Kaytelin Taylor, MacKenzie Newman, Ian Girard and Dale Webb!

Give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones.

For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address at malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND/OR CLAIMANTS

All persons having claims against the Estate of KENNETH WILLIAM DROUILLARD, late of the City of Kawartha Lakes, in the Province of Ontario, deceased, who died on or about the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013, are required to file the same with the undersigned solicitors on or before the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013, after which date the assets may be distributed among those persons entitled thereto, having regard only to those claims which have been filed.

DATED at Orillia, Ontario, this 17th day of April, 2013.

**HGR Graham Partners LLP**  
**Barristers and Solicitors**  
**241 West St. N.,**  
**ORILLIA, ON L3V 5C9.**

**Solicitors for the**  
**Estate Trustee of the Estate**  
**of the late Kenneth William Drouillard**



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Cultural Plan

A Public Meeting will be held to present the draft Municipal Cultural Plan on

**Thursday, May 2, 2013**  
at  
**9:00 a.m.**

during the regularly scheduled Council Meeting at the address noted below.

Visit our website at: [www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca](http://www.algonquinhIGHLANDS.ca) to see the draft plan.

Members of the public are invited to attend the presentation to provide additional comments, or go to the website to provide comments in writing.

**Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM 1**  
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Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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Algonquin Highlands, ON  
K0M 1J1  
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Notices



## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Application for Consent has been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

**AND FURTHER THAT** at its meeting to be held **Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-073/12  
Applicant: Martin & Janet McMullen  
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 29, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden  
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

Additional information regarding the above-noted application is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013

Michele Moore  
Deputy Secretary-Treasurer  
Haliburton County Land Division Committee  
11 Newcastle Street  
P.O. 399  
Mindens, Ontario K0M 2K0  
Telephone: (705) 286-1333  
or 1-866-886-8815, Ext. 248  
Fax: (705) 286-4829  
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Please join **Harvest Haliburton**  
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**Growing Good Food Ideas Videos**

These three videos highlight Haliburton County's emerging local sustainable food movement and some of the people and programs behind it.

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**Northern Lights Pavilion, Thursday, May 2nd, 2013**  
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- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| 5.30 pm | Booth displays, finger foods & refreshments |
| 6.30 pm | Video screenings                            |
| 8.00 pm | Booth displays & mingle                     |

In partnership with HCDC, Sustain Ontario  
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## Corporate League winners

Corporate League has finished till September 2013. The winners of the A division was The Bobs and the winners of the B division was Point in Time. At The Fast Lane everyone is a winner. Canadian Tire, Kawartha Dairy, Todd's Independent. They had fun and that's what its all about.

Submitted

## Coming Events



## SPRING MAINTENANCE Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting quotations for sand removal at the Haliburton and Minden Hospital facilities. Site visits will be held on April 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Minden site then moving to the Haliburton site.

Quotations may be dropped off at the Haliburton Business Office or faxed to 457-2398. Deadline is 3:00p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

# community calendar

**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**  
**Or email: [jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca](mailto:jennifer.mceathron@sunmedia.ca)**

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Minden Al-Anon Family Group meets in Hyland Crest meeting room, 6 McPherson St Mondays at 8 p.m.

Horse Before the Cart Writers' Group, meets 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 at the Minden Library/Gallery (705)-489-3661

Help to preserve our History with a Veteran's museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

**March- April 24:** Complete tax returns for seniors and veterans located at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 at 12847 - 35 Highway in Minden every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon. This program is coordinated with Canada Revenue Agency through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

Haliburton Soccer mail in Registration for children 4+ and Adult summer and pick up soccer still available. For more information please call 705-457-9303 after 6pm or visit <http://www.halsoccer.org/>

**April 8-May 6:** Juggling the Journey: Getting what you want from life. A series of Workshops and discussions to promote self discovery and tools for coping with change. Cost: A donation of a non-perishable food item or financial donation to the Minden food bank. For more information please call 705-754-5857 or email [jugglingthejourney@gmail.com](mailto:jugglingthejourney@gmail.com)

**April 25:** Lochlin United Church presents "Shout Sisters" in concert 7 p.m. Admission by donation in support of the Church 1050 Lochlin Rd. (off Gelert Rd.)

**April 27:** SIRCH Hike for Hospice fundraising event at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Registration takes place at 1015 am and the hike commences at 11 am. You can online or download pledge forms from Events page of SIRCH's website [www.sirch.on.ca](http://www.sirch.on.ca)

**April 28:** General Meeting of the Highlands Little Theatre 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. at Dysart Community Centre/Arena. Memberships will be available for \$20.00 per person.

**April 30:** HALIBURTON: 'Meet the Dietitian', 10 am to noon, located at the Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level. Come talk to a Dietitian about feeding your family. Find out more about introducing solids, picky eaters, family feeding and mealtime routines. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577, ext. 233, for more information.

**May 2:** Harvest Haliburton in partnership with HCDC, Sustain Ontario & Powerline Film Production has produced 3 videos about the county's emerging sustainable food movement. Premiere at Northern Lights Pavilion. 5:30 for booths & finger food; videos 6:30 to 8:00.

**May 3:** Icebreaker TEE Registration at the Haliburton Curling Club at 7:00 pm. New Golfers Welcome! For more information see our ad in the Haliburton Echo or Minden Times or call Lynne at 705-887-4230

# CARNARVON LANES

Tues. aft. April 16/13					
Men.					
High Avg. Ken Thompson	208	High single Hdcp. Brian	284	High single. June Fortune	279
High single. Claude Cote	283	High triple. Ken Thompson	667	High single Hdcp. June Fortune	336
High single Hdcp. Claude Cote	308	High triple Hdcp. Ken Thompson	715	High triple. June Fortune	649
High triple. Claude Cote	708	Ladies.		High triple Hdcp. June Fortune	820
High triple Hdcp. Claude Cote	783	High avg. Marlen Robinson	175	Thur. aft. April 18/13	
Ladies.		High single. Marlen Robinson	210	Men.	
High avg. Chris Cote	186	High single Hdcp. Marlen Robinson	250	High avg. Ken Thompson	212
High single. Mabel Clendenning	240	High triple. Marlen Robinson	500	High single Ken Thompson	225
High single Hdcp. Mabel Clendenning	286	High triple Hdcp. Sheri Holleran	634	High single hdcp. Tom Marshall	268
High triple. Mabel Clendenning	582	Wed aft. April 17/13		High triple. Ken Thompson	648
High triple Hdcp. Johhanna Hayward	739	High avg. Ken Thompson	213	High triple Hdcp. Tom Marshall	701
Ken. Tues night.		High single. Marty Shuster	270	Ladies.	
Men		High single Hdcp. Marty Shuster	305	High avg. Chris Cote	192
High avg. Ken Thompson	205	High triple. Ken Thompson	647	High single. Chris Cote	262
High single. Vince Lancia	245	High triple Hdcp. Marty Shuster	710	High single Hdcp. Chris Cote	289
		Ladies.		High triple. Chris Cote	662
		High avg. Chris Cote	188	High triple hdcp. Chris Cote	715

## THE FAST LANE

Haliburton County Red Wolves - April 3

Mens	
1st - Trevor Brauer	(170)
2nd - Russel Whitstone	(151)
3rd - Josh Grant	(134)
3rd - Ross Anderson	(134)

Ladies	
1st - Skylar Pratt	(156)
2nd - Robin Fletcher	(137)
3rd - Lisa Burk	(129)

Haliburton County Red Wolves - April 10

Mens	
Ross Anderson	175
Trevor Brauer	171
Brandon Bailey	152

Women	
Heather Fowler	166
Andrea Austin	162
Skylar Pratt	148

## Career Opportunities/ Coming Events

### Minden Senior Shuffle Board Club

**Registration May 8, 2012**

Highland Crest Auditorium  
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730 Mountain Street  
Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

Light refreshments will be served  
at 6:30 p.m.  
**RSVP 705-457-5345 by May 3rd.**

**Coming  
Events**

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**HALIBURTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday May 4th 2013**

**Sandy Lane Resort  
Halls Lake, 17592 HWY 35**

**AGM will commence at 10 am**

Do you have a passion for snowmobiling? If so come to the AGM to hear what the club is doing and what is planned for the coming season. Wish to join a great group of volunteers who enjoy assisting with the many functions of a large club? Come out and become part of the HCSA in a big way or a small way to help with making the club and trails within Haliburton County the most enjoyable to ride.

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## Deaths



**AUSTEN, Minnie Ella** - Passed away peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, April 19, 2013. In her 79th year. Beloved wife of Art for 60 years. Dear mother of Brian and his wife Charlene of Minden, Lee and wife Kim of Red Lake, Bret and his wife Debbie of Barrie. Loving grandma of Leslie Austen, April Austen-Hirstwood (Jake), Melissa Austen, Ash-Lee Austen, Amanda Gilbert, Jeremy Gilbert and great grandma of Mackenzie. Dear sister of Jennie Austen, and predeceased by Joyce Hewitt, Olive Purkis and by her parents Fred and Shirley (nee Hogg) Rogers. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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**BALLARD, Jean Beverley** - Passed away peacefully at Fairview Lodge, Whitby on Saturday, April 20, 2013. In her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Fred Ballard. Dear mother of Wayne Ballard and his wife Sue of Oshawa. Loving grandma to Jennifer and her husband Trevor Keeler, and Adam Ballard, and great grandma to Ella and Adele Keeler. Sister of the late Doris Dingwall and Don Dingwall. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Minden United Church on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of Funeral Service in the Minden United Church at 1:00 pm. Interment at Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**

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## Deaths



**BRANDT, Birgit Erika** - In Loving Memory of Birgit Erika Brandt who passed away peacefully in Bracebridge Hospital, April 17, 2013, at the age of 68, succumbing to a lengthy battle of strokes and cancer. She will be sadly missed by her caring husband and best friend Jere Pike, his brothers Nevil and David (deceased) and Dolores, Jere's daughters Stephanie (Greg) Yeoman, and Jennifer, her grandchildren Connor and Carley, her son Brian (Cheryl) Hansen, her Aunt Rita (Copenhagen). Also, she will be missed by her "family" of friends at the Minden Curling Club, and those in Bonita Springs, Florida, her second home . . . She is now at peace in the greatest home of all. She enjoyed the simple things in life, the beauty of the world through many wonderful cruises shared with family and friends. She was always thoughtful of those less fortunate. A special thank you to the caring staff at Bracebridge Hospital. A Celebration of Birgit's Life will be announced. In Birgit's memory, donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society and can be arranged through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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**JENNINGS, Doris "Dee"** - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, April 12, 2013. In her 88th year. Daughter of the late Eldon and Edith Russell. Dear sister of Dolores and her husband Mac MacGregor and the late Elmer Russell and his wife the late Fran Russell. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at St. Stephen's Anglican Cemetery, Boshkung in the spring. Memorial Donations to the Friends of St. Stephen's would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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## In memoriam



**Audrey 'Billie' Coulson**  
(Resident of Soyers Lake, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Friday afternoon, April 19, 2013 in her 94th year. Beloved daughter of the late Bert & Madeline Coulson. Dear sister of the late Frances Elstone. Remembered by her nieces Rosemary Elstone, Elizabeth Turner, and nephew Timothy Elstone and her great niece Emily Turner. Billie taught at John A. Leslie Public School in Toronto for over 40 years.

### Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at the **ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** 617 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario on Friday morning, April 26, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Canon Anne Moore officiating. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. Interment later Parklawn Cemetery, Toronto. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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**LINTNER, Barbara Ann (nee Williams)** - On Wednesday, April 17, 2013, nearly 50 years since graduating from the Toronto East General School of Nursing Barbara has gone to join parents, George and Ruby Williams and her only sibling Larry. She is survived by husband Don and daughters Anastasia Lintner (Bo Wandscheider), Charmaine Whitmore (Rob) and Stephanie White (Chris), and seven cherished grandchildren Justin Whitmore, Zach White, Tyson White, Natalie Whitmore, Samantha White, Nils Lintner and Emma Whitmore. Friends were invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Sunday from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 1:00 pm. Reception followed in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at the Gelert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donation may be made to St. Paul's Anglican Church or to the Library at Christ Church, Stouffville or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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# County card scores

April 16 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports the leading ladies were Vi Howell 297, Albert Foster 282, Lorna Scheeffee 275 and Shirley Milne 272. First for the gents at 278 was Barb Perog followed by Tom Grix 260, Theresa Deak 258 and Archie Ross 257. Marcel Roussel won the major draw with Karen Chapman, Lesley Thatcher and Tom Grix claiming the smaller prizes and the moonshots going to Janice Davidson, Jean Scadden, Wayne Jones and Tom Grix [2].

April 16 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Bev Alexander and Steve Walker at 316 then the duo of Joyce Broersma and Margaret Oetelaar 263. In third spot were Peggy Beattie and Joan Bell 226 while Sandy Poulton partnered with Andy Broersma posted the afternoon's low of 107. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this news.

April 16 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The high scoring trio members were David Gray 4,060, Jim Burrows 3,950 and Gerald Bergin 3,690 with Jim and Diane James teaming up for a Small Slam. This news comes from Gareth Kellett.

April 16 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Gord Darby was high man and Terry Davis low with Betty Hicks high lady and low lady our reporter Barb Carpenter. Bruce Shepheard held the most lone hands while Reta Crofts won the draw.

April 16 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Jackie Metcalf 6,200. Mary Johnson 5,430, Helen Regan 4,860 and Wendy Miller 4,830. Carol Bowker won the draw, Nancy Kursbutt claimed the Shiny Penny and Ross Fletcher teamed up with Mary Johnson for a Small Slam.

April 17 bid euchre at Stanhope: Pink honours went to Sue at 273, Belle Walker 243 and Jean Scadden 220. First for the whites at 236 was Peter Farr then Tom Orr 209 and Pat Scadden 190 with Pat Marshall taking the moon-

shot. These results come from Linda Lambert.

April 17 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor were first at 66 percent then Muriel McIntosh and our bridge reporter [3 events] Margo Davidson at 63 percent.

April 17 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Pearl Cowen 377, Bill Muzzi 355 and June Fountain 333 with Glenda Swinson holding the hidden score.

April 18 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Joyce Broersma 266, Sharon Jarvis 223, Jean Scadden 209 and Karin Harrison 208. At 276 Albert Foster topped the gents followed by Tom Macartney 257, Marcel Roussel 251 and Dorothy McElwain 247. Pat Scadden won the major draw with Kevin Maloney, Sharon Jarvis and Marcel Roussel claiming the smaller prizes. Marcel also took a moonshot along with Jesse Barlow and Albert Foster [2]. Thanks to Bev Johnson for her report.

April 18 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that most lone hand holders were Pat McInnis and Bob Pollard with Theresa Deak and Tom Grix posting the high scores. Muriel McIntosh and Tom Orr claimed the lows while Doug McIntosh, Tom Grix, Murray Daniels, Jason Peacock and Andy Broersma took home the evening's other prizes.

April 19 bid euchre at Club 35: At 310 Pat Marshall led the pinks then Dorene Elstone 244 and Marg Oetelaar 242. First for the whites was Clara Miscio 263 followed by Garth Windsor 229 and Merv Elstone 197 with Linda Voycey holding the hidden score. Moonshots went to Garth Windsor, Pat Marshall and our reporter Jean Dutka.

April 19 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Fran and Norm Smith led at 67 percent with Tom and Margo Davidson next at 61 percent.

April 19 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: From Shirley Howe the news that Sandra Crockett won for high hands, Sherin Brown for both lone hands and the special prize and Nick Boekestyn for low hands.

April 20 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Karin Harrison 292, Vi Howell 264, Pearl Cowen 258 and Jean Scadden 254. At 315 Marcel Roussel topped the gents then Dorothy McElwain 279, Jesse Barlow 274 and Karen Chapman 256. Karin Harrison took the single moonshot with Pat Scadden the draw winner. This new comes from Sherin Brown.

April 21 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Arthur Forbes, for lone hands and the special prize Sherin Brown and for low hands Michael Myles.

April 21 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: At this monthly event top spot went to Tom Grix 338 then Theresa Deak 302 and Karen Chapman 298.

April 22 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks went to Gala Newell 264, Jesse Barlow 242 and Emily Harvie 241 with Frank Franzen winning the draw and Sam Gaudet, Tom Grix and Rae Dawn Shepheard taking the moonshots. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this update.

April 22 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Bev Johnson won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Sherin Brown for low hands and John Sparks for the special prize.

April 22 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Linda Voycey with Joan Mann and Merv Elstone posting the highs. For the ladies Marion Farr was high and Michelle Delaire low. Dorene Elstone took home the baloney while Jean Dutka and Marg Oetelaar were awarded special prizes. Thanks to Garth Windsor for this update.

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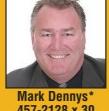
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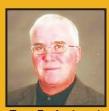
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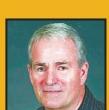
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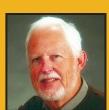
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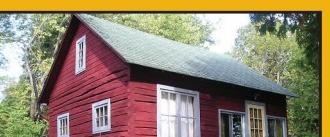
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- 4300 Sq Ft. executive home 3 Km from Minden.
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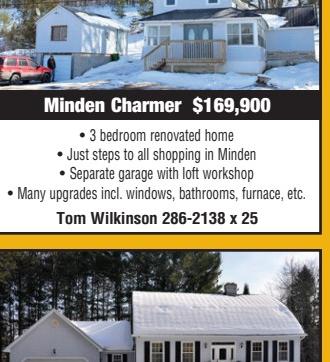
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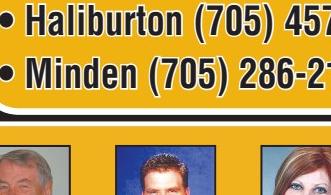
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